Father Darkleaf Relates Gettysburg Battle

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to the south was too rugged to be scaled by large guns.

Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, 3rd Corps, Union Army, made an advance and in doing so left Little Round Top virtually undefended. He was beyond immediate support from Hancock's main body along Cemetery Ridge.

Gen. C. K. Warren, Union chief engineer, climbed to the top of Little Round Top and immediately saw the importance of the position. He hastily called for men to defend the hill. And just in time, for at that moment Gen. John B. Hood's yelling Texans were climbing its slopes. This is one of the bloodiest spots on the vast battlefield. To me it seemed that Gen. Warren saved the day for Meade by his quick action. What it meant was that the Confederates were to be denied the high and commanding positions at the flanks of Cemetery Ridge, and for the rest of the battle had less favorable positions.

And so in the accompanying picture, your writer is shown under the Warren monument on Little Round Top. In the picture, Warren is looking toward the "Wheat Field" and general direction of Longstreet's great fight. Your writer, on the other hand, is pointing to Cemetery Ridge, and the open ground across which Pickett's great charge was made. That charge may not have been necessary, had Little Round Top been in Confederate hands!

The student of the Gettysburg fight refers to the Union Lines as "the fish hook." This is because Meade's army was strung out from Little Round Top, along Cemetery Ridge to the town of Gettysburg and then hooking eastward to Culp's Hill, with the point or bait, of the hook nudging southward past Spangler's Spring. This "fish hook" was a sound defensive position, once its flanks were stoutly tenented, and it permitted shifting of reserves.

The Confederate positions were extended opposite this fish hook, and centered alone Seminary Ridge, east of the Union-held Cemetery Ridge.

On the second day of battle, July

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2, Lee determined to force the Federal flanks at all costs. Two movements were resolved upon. Longstreet's Corps was to make a supreme effort to capture Little Round Top, the commanding position mentioned above. Then Ewell's Corps was to try to turn inward the barb of the "fish hook" at the Federal right flank. If these moves were successful, Gen. Hill was to hit the center for the victory. It was an excellent battle plan.

Longstreet attacked about 3:30 in the afternoon. Some of the most severe fighting of all time followed until dark, raging over the famous Wheatfield, the Peach Orchard, the Bloody Run and Devil's Den. Sheer courage ruled the Confederates as they fought across the Wheatfield, over their own dead. In some places along Bloody Run the dead piled up four deep, and it was the same along the slopes to Little Round Top. At dusk, Longstreet saw the futility of further attack that day. The men in Blue had fought with equal courage and simply would not be dislodged from their high positions. Attack on other points of the "fish hook" did not meet with success, and in this second day of the battle, Lee lost some of his most gallant veterans. Darkness found the area littered with dead, maimed, and exhausted men. Confederate losses this one day neared 20,000.

Bold and persistent leader that he was, Lee resolved in the war council that night, having failed to turn the Union flanks, he would the next day concentrate upon the center. He had one fresh Corps, held in reserve. He planned for George Edward Pickett to attack Meade's center, and for Stuart's cavalry to swing around Meade's right and come in upon their rear at the height of Pickett's bid.

Meade had been well pleased with the way the battle had gone the second day. He planned to retake a portion of Culp's Hill lost the night of July 2, and otherwise to defend his favorable positions.

Shortly after noon, on July 3, Lee had every available piece of his artillery in position along Seminary Ridge. Over 120 guns opened a barrage. Meade was prepared and Union guns on Cemetery Ridge severed shot for shot. Finally the Union guns ceased firing. Their officers figured that a charge was coming, and wanted to cool off their gun barrels and replace any disabled artillery. The Confederates may have interpreted the cease fire to mean that their own barrage had silenced the enemy artillery. Anyway, the big moment had arrived. It was now or never for Dixie!

From the very spot shown in the accompanying picture, the Federals caught the first glimpse of the long gray-clad mass of Pickett's men, moving out from the screen of Seminary Ridge. It was an awesome sight to behold: the sheer audacity of masses of men marching into position to storm Cemetery Ridge. It was to be brother against brother. It was Lee against Meade. It was to be the biggest hour of death in our military annals.

Pickett was hitting the Union center with over 15,000 fresh troops. About halfway across the low ground the Federal guns opened fire and great gaps were torn in the gray ranks. But the gaps were closed up quickly, and marching over their own dead, the Confederates came to the foot of Cemetery Ridge. Tense but ready, the Federals poured musket fire down the slope. There was a stone wall along the crest of Cemetery Ridge, a clump of trees midway the ridge, and it was that the men of Dixie charged toward this focal point. General Armistead led the charge, his gray cap waving on the top of his bayonet. He jumped over the stone fence, grabbed onto a Union gun, and in that instant of apparent triumph, he was shot and killed. For over 15 minutes there was hand to hand bayonet action on the crest of the ridge. But then the thinning Confederate ranks broke, and having reached the high water point of the Confederate charge, the charge faltered and the survivors fell back. In about an hour's time, Pickett's Charge had ended in failure, and nearly 10,000 men were lost.

We had mentioned the plan for Stuart's cavalry. He was intercepted and could not turn the Union right to get inside the "fish hook." And Longstreet did not join the attack. It is my opinion that his troops were too exhausted from the action of the day before to have supported Pickett effectively.

When Pickett's Charge failed, Lee had lost the battle. Both armies rested in their positions through July 4, and then Lee began the long retreat back to Virginia. Meade did not press after Lee. He has received some criticism for that, but the sheer fact must have been that he was satisfied with his victory and knew the mauling his army had suffered.

There were approximately 85,000 Union troops in the Battle of Gettysburg, and they suffered about 23,000 casualties.

The Confederates numbered about 77,000, and had about 28,000 casualties.

Today the great National Park draws nearly a million visitors a year. The government owns 2,500 acres of the historic land. There are 415 guns, 25 stone bridges, 3 steel observation towers, 840 monuments erected by states and organizations, Pennsylvania and New York memorial towers, and approximately 1,500 other markers. They show the 216 regiments of infantry, regiments of artillery, side, and of cavalry ments and 28 regiments and cavalry and engineers on the Confederate side.

The National Cemetery dedicated November 19, Abraham Lincoln delivered his address.

There were other battles, Appomattox, Appomattox, April 9, Gettysburg, it was "The muffled drum beat."

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Fred Barlow is recovering from recent illness.

and Mrs. Wiley McCormick the week-end with Mr. and O. Blackwell.

and Mrs. F. H. Hawley, of and were week-end guests of Mrs. C. Roland Smith, Jr.

L. L. Gayle was hostess to rsday bridge club this after-

and Mrs. S. A. Conner and , of Roanoke, spent the d with relatives here.

Gordon Lawson, U. S. Navy, at Norfolk, Va., was home week-end.

Patricia Lee Waddell is re- at her home here from a nsillectomy.

J. F. MacKenzie, of near spent Tuesday with her Mrs. Monroe Garrette.

Supreme Forest Woodmen ore 73 will meet Monday ay 26, at the Masonic Hall. bers are asked to attend.

THE ANSWER BOX

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ss Whit Evans, J. O. David- r, J. Ligon

Dr. V. W. Sears is expected to return here today, after attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Craddock and children, of Portsmouth spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Mrs. Bessie Trent has returned home after a two week visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Hanson, of Pulaski.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanson announce the arrival of a son, Kenneth Ralph, born May 3, in the Radford Hospital.

Mrs. Mark Weatherly is recovering from a recent operation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Burge.

Pfc. John Ray Martin, Jr., U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at Camp LaJeune, N. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, of Pleasant Plains, Ohio, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Berta Smith, and other relatives here.

Mrs. O. M. Southern and Mrs. J. A. Neal, of Walnut Cove, N. C., and Mrs. Alonza Southern, of Charlotte, N. C., spent the week-end with Mrs. T. Fulp.

S. L. Ferguson, III, U. S. Navy, is spending a 10-day furlough here with his grandmother, Mrs. S. L. Ferguson.

Mrs. Sadie R. Bradley has returned to Richmond after spending several months here with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Reynolds.

Mrs. T. C. Roberts, of Shipman, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lottie Bledsoe. C. W. Roberts, of Suffolk, and Mrs. C. W. Potts, of Culpeper were also guests in this home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Spain, of Clarksville and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hudson were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Woolridge at the Old Court House.

Wallace Gordon, of Richmond and Miss Elizabeth Vosburgh, of Durham, N. C., and Richmond were the week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gordon.

M.-Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond B. Payson, who spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thompson, of Dewberry Hill, left this week for Puerto Rico, where M.-Sgt. Payson is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson, Mrs. J. E. Wooldridge, Miss Rosa Mae Wooldridge, Mrs. Edward L. Caldwell and Mrs. J. Lloyd Hudson will leave Friday after Mr. Robinson's radio broadcasts for New York City, where they will spend several days.

Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., Mrs. Newton Jennings, Mrs. R. Carl Maxwell and Mrs. Ivey Holland were among those from the Memorial Methodist Church, Appomattox, attending the annual meeting of the W. S. C. S., of the Virginia Methodist Conference at Court Street Methodist Church, Lynchburg, May 20-22.

72ND BIRTHDAY OF W. H. MEADOWS

Mr. W. H. Meadows, of Pamplin, celebrated his 72nd birthday Sunday, May 18, with a dinner given at his home. Those present were his son, Joseph Meadows; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Sizemore; two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Annie Meadows and Mrs. Jennie Meadows, all of Pamplin; ten grandchildren, Zadie Arrington, of Powhatan; Robert Meadows, of Richmond; Elsie Ramsey, Louise Clifton, Edna Arrington Minnie Sizemore, Barbara Lewis, Naomi, Vickie and Linda Meadows, all of Pamplin; six great grandchildren Ronnie and Gloria Ramson, Phyllis and Bobby Clifton, Roy and Clinton Arrington. Others present included Thomas Ranson, Mac Mays, Ben Falwell, Rev. T. L. Simpson and Tommy.

FOREST FIRE REPORT

There were 482.1 acres of timberland burned over April 22 from 11 forest fires, according to Bill Pierce, District IV Fire Chief of the Virginia Forest Service.

There were 84 forest fires during the month of April that burned over 776.75 acres of timberland.

The actual cost that was incurred to suppress these fires amounted to $1,986.39, which means that the average fire cost $23.65 to be extinguished.

All of these forest fires were man caused and due to carelessness on his part. This carelessness is mixed in with bad fire weather as it was during April a lot of valuable timberland that took several years to grow went up in smoke.

Appomattox County had one fire, burning 5.5 acres.

NATIONAL CLUB CAMP DELEGATES NAMED

Four Virginians have been named to represent the State's 4-H Club members at the National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D. C., June 18-25.

They are: Edith Collins, Nelson County, 1950 winner of the farm and home electric contest; Regina Buck, Loudoun County, member of the state poultry demonstration team in 1950; Aubrey Bradshaw, 1951 state meat animal winner; and W. F. Keesling, Jr., Loudoun County, 1947 member of the state livestock judging team.

Dr. W. E. Skelton, state 4-H agent says the National Camp delegates are chosen on the basis of their 4-H record, community activities, and citizenship.

Theme of the Camp, as in years past, is "Know Your Government," and the delegates will have an opportunity to visit many governmental offices, including the Capitol and the senate and house office buildings. They will also visit the White House, Blair House, and many other places of historical and cultural interest.

Attending the camp will be delegates from all 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and many other countries.

Admiral Joy to return to States, after long term as leader of UN Korean truce negotiators.

Oakville

OAKVILLE, May 21.- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cash, of Madison Heights are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Wiley Moore.

Mrs. F. E. Moore, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson and Mr. Trop spent the week-end with Mrs. E. R. Martin. On Sunday they motored to Appomattox and spent the day with Mrs. Moore's brother, J. E. Martin and his family.

Miss Mary Bass is spending this week in Petersburg with her sister.

Miss Mary Ellen Moore and Sue Moore were among the groups of seniors from Appomattox who spent the week-end in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds attended the dedication Sunday of the new Hunting Creek church near Big Island.

Mrs. Fred Hanenkrat and daughter spent the week-end with Mrs. Carl Martin.

Merlyn Kay Martin spent the week-end with Gaynell Martin.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and Rebecca; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds and family; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin and family.

TIPS GIVEN FOR SEASONAL CARE OF POULTRY FLOCK

Take care of your pullet flock—egg prices are expected to be nearly as high this fall as they were a year ago, says Harry L. Moore, head of the poultry department at VPI.

He warns that warm, rainy, or cloudy weather is ideal for the development of coccidiosis. If treatments are effective in checking the disease. Decide what to use, and have a supply on hand. Watch the chicks closely, and when symptoms of coccidiosis are noticed, treat according to directions. Keeping the litter in the brooder house dry, and the range free of water puddles will help prevent the disease.

As soon as the pullets are old enough to do without heat, they may be moved to the range. Good pasture and ground on which no chickens have ranged for at least a year, are recommended. Keep the pullets away from the older birds. Cockerels will reach frying size quicker and on less feed if they are kept confined They may be kept in the brooder house until they are old enough to be eaten.

Keep good growing mash and plenty of water before the pullets all the time. Oats and hen-size grit may be kept in a separate hopper. Scratch grain may be fed after the middle of the afternoon.

Cull all hens in the laying flock that have gone "broody" or stopped laying. The hens that stop laying now are the poorest layers, and since prices for old hens are likely to fall in a month or two, it is more profitable to sell them now and save the feed they would be eating.

Moore says in some sections there is interest in preserving cheap eggs and using them in the fall when eggs are scarce and prices are high. One quart of water glass (sodium silicate) in nine quarts of water that has been boiled and cooled will preserve 15 dozen eggs. Put the solution in a five-gallon, or larger, stone jar, and place it in the basement or some other cool place. Clean, infertile eggs may be placed in the liquid the day after they are laid.

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May 22: Evergreen, 8:00 P. M. The W. M. U. meeting with Mrs. T. R. Richardson.

Central, 8:00 P. M., Prayer service

May 23: Hollywood, 7:30 P. M. Prayer service.

Evergreen, 7:30 P. M. The YWA meeting with Phyllis Harvey.

May 24: Hollywood, 8:00 P. M., Brotherhood.

Evergreen, 7:30, B. W. C. meeting with Mrs. Gwendolyn Franklin.

May 25: Evergreen, 11:00 A. M., morning worship.

Evergreen, 3:00 P. M. Baptismal service.

Hollywood, 7:30, evening worship.

May 27: Rocks, 8:00 P. M. Preaching service.

May 28: Evergreen, 8:00 P. M. Preaching service.

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The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr., Minister-in-Charge

11:00 — Homecoming service at Grace Church, Manteo. Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, D. D. (This is a joint service for all churches in the Appomattox-Buckingham-Cumberland Circuit). Lunch will be served for the entire congregation.

There will be no service or Church School at St. Ann's Sunday.

Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church
Dr. Twyman Williams, Pastor

Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
H. B. Pack, Superintendent.
Morning worship and sermon at 11:00 A. M.
Sermon topic: "But One Thing is Needful."

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Memorial Methodist
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R. Carl Maxwell, Minister

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. C. W. Smith, Superintendent. Classes for all ages above 2 years.

10:40 A. M. Junior Choir practice.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. Topic: "A Continuing Revival." Anthem by the Youth Choir.
6:45 P. M. Special MYF Service. Parents of young people to be guests MYF leader, Miss Betty Faye Burks.
7:30 P. M. Revival Song Service. Special music by the Junior Choir. Sermon topic: "Pulling the Church Up Hill."
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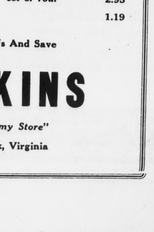

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